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# BUS CHAOS BLAMED ON TEETHING PROBLEMS

## NEW LAYOUT TACKLES ISSUES AFTER NORTH GATE TRAFFIC WOES

Highways engineers worked through Monday night to quickly create a new layout around the new North Gate bus station after its first full day of operation descended into chaos.

An emergency meeting was called, involving Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire County Council and Northamptonshire Police, to try to ensure the station and surrounded traffic flow worked on Tuesday.

In a statement released by Northampton Borough Council, traffic chaos which brought the town centre to gridlock on Monday, was blamed on a sudden increase in traffic using College Street and Bradshaw Street.

The council said this was possibly compounded by the phasing of the traffic lights on Bradshaw Street and the Drapery, and pedestrians cross-

ing the Drapery and Sheep Street against the traffic signals.

Actions taken included:

- Creating a new road layout at the junction of College Street and Bradshaw Street, to ensure buses leaving North Gate are given priority

- Police officers and parking enforcement officers will have a high profile presence around the town centre to enforce the existing traffic regulations

- These include no vehicles except buses and taxis are permitted to use the Drapery, and no vehicles except buses should be travelling north from Sheep Street to turn into Lady's Lane

- A yellow box junction created at the junction of Bradshaw Street and Sheep Street to stop vehicles blocking the junction; and at the top of Sheep Street junction with Greyfriars travelling north.

A spokesman said: "The

situation will be monitored closely and contingency plans can be put in place if traffic begins to build up again. Longer term solutions to assist in the free movement of traffic around the bus station will also be considered."

Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, thanked the agencies involved for working together to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

He said: "I know that buses are vital to our town and it is absolutely critical we get it right, we are all committed to working together to make sure we do."

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# 'We apologise to everyone caught up in the problems'



**Northampton Borough Council and Northamptonshire County Council have apologised for the "major teething problems" which marred the opening of the new North Gate bus station on Monday.**

In a joint statement, the two local authorities said they had looked at the traffic management plans as a "matter of urgency" after traffic in the town centre ground to halt.

The statement said they had identified the issues that caused gridlock.

They claimed things had worked well during the initial rush hour but problems arose in mid-morning.

"We knew that there would be teething problems as there are bound to be with any such major project and we acknowledge that these were major," they said.

"We apologise to all the motorists and bus passengers who were caught up in the delays and we thank them and acknowledge their concerns."

On the opening day, Councillor David Mackintosh, lead-



**Buses queued outside the North Gate bus station (top) while passengers queued inside**

er of Northampton Borough Council, was in London for a meeting, but said he had been kept up-to-date about what was happening.

He said: "We are working with our colleagues from Northamptonshire County Council and the bus companies to try to find out what caused these issues and to resolve them.

"We asked Northamptonshire Police to help support our staff in directing traffic, so that we could concentrate

on resolving the situation."

Deputy leader of Northampton Labour Group, Councillor Lee Mason, said it had been a "disastrous first day for the new bus interchange".

She said: "For a few hours it was total chaos. People were very frustrated about the disruption and rightly so.

"This was an appalling state of affairs. We also need an assurance this won't happen again. We supported the new bus interchange in prin-

ciple, but technical matters like managing traffic flows should have been planned for previously."

Sally Beardsworth, leader of the Liberal Democrats at the borough council, said: "I spoke to one of the drivers who said we had gone back 38 years.

"There was lots of pensioners who were left bewildered about where they were going to go. It was absolute chaos.

"It is such a shame because a lot of old people use the buses and it's freezing in the bus station and there's no heating.

Rose Gibbins, UKIP prospective parliamentary candidate for Northampton South, said it was a "disgrace" that Mr Mackintosh had been in London rather than being in Northampton to supervise the opening of the new bus station.

Ms Gibbins said: "Most people appreciated there was a need for a new bus station but if they had listened to the concerns of the public then perhaps they would have got one that worked."

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# Midwives use their holiday to help in Africa

**A Zimbabwean midwife and her Northampton colleagues gave up two weeks' holiday to take equipment, baby clothes and expertise to the hospital where she was born.**

Northampton General Hospital midwife, Sam Tennyson, from Bulawayo, returned with colleagues Denise Flemming, Gill Albany-Ward and Surayya Jaber to work at Mpilo Hospital. They took baby clothes and £1,400 of medical equipment and helped to care for mothers in labour.

Mrs Tennyson, who had her own daughter there 19 years ago, said: "Once I had trained to be a midwife I thought I could go back to Mpilo to give help."

"The staff work very hard

but they have to work with what they have. There is a high mortality rate at the hospital which is hard to bring down because they don't have the proper resources."

They took basic medical supplies, such as needles and syringes, and specialist equipment such as sonic aides.

NGH head of midwifery, Anne Thomas, said: "Hopefully they will be share their learning with their colleagues at NGH and inspire others to get involved in the future."

Preparations have begun for the next trip. Bantu Theatre and Shake & Dance are putting on a fund-raising theatre production, African Women, on June 28. For details, visit [www.bantuevents.com](http://www.bantuevents.com) or call 07852953083.

## How Mpilo compares to the NGH

■ Mpilo hospital delivers 10,000 babies each year, double the number at NGH. On average it has about a quarter of the number of NGH midwifery staff per shift.

■ The unit is so short staffed that during the NGH midwives' visit, one woman gave birth with no medical staff in the room.

■ During an average shift in Mpilo Hospital there are two midwives and four students to serve 14 delivery rooms.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

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# Plans for new council office put forward

**Detailed plans for the new headquarters of Northamptonshire County Council in the centre of Northampton were submitted last week.**

The scheme will centralise its town-based staff out of an existing stock of 12 other buildings.

The council said the development would save taxpayers up to £54 million in future building maintenance costs, outweighing the costs of the work.

Leader of the council, Councillor Jim Harker, said: "This is another critical step in our journey in making this ambitious and exciting project a reality.

"This project is all about helping to regenerate Northampton town-centre as part of the Northampton Alive project, while also ensuring our own office accommodation is as efficient and as cost effective as possible.

"Not only will this scheme bring thousands of people and hence spending power into the town but also offers us the opportunity to get out of the buildings we simply can no longer afford to keep.

"Put simply we can no longer afford our current portfolio of properties in Northampton.

"Because of their age our current stock of buildings cost us £53,000 a week just to

keep running. This is clearly not sustainable.

"By investing now in one new energy efficient and fit for purpose office we will save taxpayers money for years to come.

"I am delighted to now be in position to submit these plans.

"They are another example of how working together with partners is really seeing exciting development in Northampton – which is so critical to the economic prosperity of the whole county."

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# Ones to watch 'are key to future' of business in county

Business leaders from Northampton top the list of the most promising innovators and entrepreneurs in the county.

'One To Watch 2014' has been published by Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership (NEP) and highlights some of the county's best business brains.

NEP chief executive, Jo Lappin, said: "Northamptonshire's small and medium businesses are the lifeblood of our economy, making up 99.6 per cent of our total companies. They are key to economic growth by creating jobs and prosperity for Northamptonshire."

One of those shortlisted was Karen Holland, CEO of XCAM which designs and builds specialist digital cameras for science experiments and extreme conditions.

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"This year will see the first XCAM camera fly into space on the UK Space Agency's 'Cubesat'. I love science and engineering and we are proud to buy British and use and support the local supplier network."

Joining her on the list was Rob Lewis, managing director from Total Sim in Brackley. His company provides engineering consultancy.

"Northamptonshire is per-



**FLYING HIGH** Karen Holland, CEO of XCAM, is on the One To Watch list



**TOP ACHIEVER** Neil Purcell, CEO of Talent Works International

fect for motorsport and is also well placed for the automotive industry. We have been heavily involved in the development of clothing and equipment for the GB track cycling team, as well as other sports.

"Although we've continued to grow through most of the recession, 2013 saw a big increase in the demand for our services and products. Over the next year we hope to build our first wind tunnel for testing bikes."

Ms Lappin added: "The Ones To Watch demonstrate the innovation, drive, determination and business know-how necessary to succeed in a competitive market place."

## People and companies to look out for...

■ Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership's list of 'Ones To Watch':

- Karen Holland, CEO of XCAM, Northampton
- Nicholas Cooper, from Stamp Shoes, Northampton
- Neil Purcell, CEO of Talent Works International, Northampton
- Richie Frost, CEO of Frost EV Systems, Northamptonshire
- Joe Zielinski, director of Zinc Digital based in Milton Malsor
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# Fire crews praised for saving 16 cattle

Quick-thinking fire crews have been praised for saving the lives of 16 cattle after an arson attack destroyed a barn.

The fire, which was being treated as suspicious, engulfed a barn at Malabar Farm on Badby Road West, near Daventry, and was in danger of spreading to adjoining buildings where the livestock was being kept. When firefighters arrived on the scene they immediately let the animals out so they could run to safety. Their actions have been commended by workers at the farm.

"I can't praise the fire service highly enough," said farmhand Adrian Conopo. "Without their quick response and action, the cattle would have been lost without a doubt. There were 16 calves, each one worth £700 or £800, in the buildings next door to the barn. They were in danger not just from the fire spreading, but from all the smoke.

"The firefighters did an absolutely wonderful job to save



Firefighters were praised for rescuing 16 cattle after the barn was destroyed.

all the animals."

Several appliances were called out to the fire on February 21, which started at around 7.30pm and destroyed the brick-built barn and an estimated 60 tonnes of straw.

After being contained, the fire was left to burn itself out, which it eventually did by the following Monday. The owners of the 1,000-acre farm are now waiting to hear from loss adjusters to assess the true cost

of the damage.

The barn's roof was made from asbestos and the scene of the fire is now fenced off until any potentially dangerous materials can be safely removed by specialist contractors.

Mark Coles, who works for the farm's owner, said: "By the time I got there, everything was well alight. The fire service definitely did the right thing by letting the cattle out when they did."

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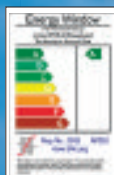
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# Tributes to top rider Syd

**Tributes have been paid to a motorcycle enthusiast who dedicated 40 years of his life to instructing other riders, only stopping, aged 79, when he could not get insurance.**

Syd Crane received the British Empire Medal in 1993 for his efforts to training novice riders in the county, which he did from 1964 until 2004.

A former Royal Air Force firefighter and Northampton Motorcyclists Club member, Mr Crane also loved the ukelele, and once played a show with the Beverley Sisters singing trio.

Mr Crane, of Westone, died aged 89 on February 16. Described by his family as a "small man with a big personality," Mr Crane had pre-paid for his own funeral, and left a sticky note on the paperwork telling his family to contact the *Chron* when he died to write a piece about him.

Born to Herbert and Winifred on August 5, 1924, Mr Crane grew up in Weston Favell village. He went to Cedar Road then Clare Street schools, and was a chorister

at St Edmund's Church.

After serving in the RAF and dedicating his life to instructing riders, he was given a British Empire Medal for services to motorcycle safety, which was described as his "proudest moment." He was also a keen scrambling spectator and loved the Wild and Woolly event. He was also a lifelong Northampton Town football fan.

Mr Crane is survived by his wife Margaret, who he married on June 24, 1944. They had one daughter, Wendy, a granddaughter Luisa, and great-granddaughter Olivia.

Luisa said: "Syd started working part-time for the county's Road Safety team in 1964 as an instructor for the Auto Cycle Union training scheme. He worked every day of the week until the age of 79, getting countless bikers through their compulsory basic training. In fact, the only reason he stopped was because the council could no longer insure him."

"By that time, he'd dedicated more than 40 years to being a motorcycle instructor. If



**BIG PERSONALITY** Former motorcycle instructor Syd Crane, won a BEM (right) with his wife Margaret

you talk to anyone who undertook their basic training during that time in Northampton, most would say they knew Syd. "Bossy, stubborn and impa-

tient until the end, but these qualities would have stood him in good stead to be the great motorcycle instructor he was.



## Chip and Pin now at centre car park

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# Blind teenager and mother to run marathon

A teenager from Northampton who pledged to finish a London Marathon when she started to lose her sight is now preparing to run the 26 miles blind.

Charlotte Webber's eyesight had been deteriorating from the age of four, and at age nine she was registered blind, though she still had some vision.

Then when she was 11, she was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP), a degenerative eye disease.

In 2007 her mum, Lucy, ran the London Marathon to raise funds for a local charity which supports visually-impaired youngsters. That was when Charlotte said she would like to do the same when she was old enough.

Lucy said: "Charlotte said if she couldn't see by then I'd have to be her guide."

"I hoped we wouldn't be at the stage of me having to guide her or that she'd change her mind or forget about her pledge. Sadly she lost the remainder of her sight just before her 14th birthday, leaving her with only light perception, but she hasn't given up on the marathon."



running together Charlotte Webber with her mum, Lucy

Lucy and Charlotte, now 18, will be raising funds and awareness for the charity, RP Fighting Blindness. They have already raised more than two thirds of their target of £3,000.

Lucy said: "Neither of us are runners so it's a massive undertaking, but it's something that we feel is important, especially if it means

that other people won't have to experience what Charlotte went through."

Most of Charlotte's marathon training is on a treadmill, but when she runs with her mum they use a wrist strap to keep together.

Lucy said: "Crossing the finish line together will be a big achievement and a very proud moment for both of us."

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# Brothers drive to Arctic and back

Two brothers from Northampton have driven to the Arctic Circle and back in a 'battered old van' in memory of their mum.

Matthew and Richard Hollis lost their mother, Susan, to Motor Neurone Disease in 2011.

The pair set off from the MND Association's offices in Northampton town centre, where Matthew works, on Valentine's Day.

They drove to the Arctic Circle despite atrocious weather and arrived back this week, fulfilling a sponsorship challenge.

They said the road disappeared from view at some points and the van, which was saved from scrap, would freeze if they had to stop.

Sally Light, MND Association chief executive, said: "The challenge started in the worst conditions possible and they were delayed leaving Dover by around 12 hours.



Brothers Matthew and Richard drove to the Arctic Circle and back

"They drove about 16-hour days to get back on schedule and we were so proud when they reached the Arctic Circle.

"I hope Matthew gets back to work in one piece and without too much frostbite!

"Without the support of them and so many other fund-raisers, we simply would not

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# Tribute to 'Bill at The Flower Shop'

Tributes have been paid to 'a proud Northamptonian' who ran a shop in Abington Grove until a few days before he died, aged 84.

William G Wilkinson, known as Bill, bought the shop in the 1960s and it had many incarnations. Initially it was a Poodle Parlour, then it was a greengrocer and then, finally, it was The Flower Shop.

His daughter, Belinda Clark, said her father always felt he was a true Northamptonian: "1929 was a harsh winter, the water pipes had frozen and Bill's dad, Vesta, had to run down to Becket's Well to draw water to boil for the birth.

Therefore he believed he was a true Northamptonian as he was cleansed in the waters that flowed through Northampton. He always felt this was a great blessing," she said.

"Bill had a colourful life, not meaning that he ever fell foul of the law, he didn't; he was a very moral and upstanding person, but rather meaning that he had many ventures in his life and always stood out

**'He had a heart of gold and a great sense of humour'**

as an unconventional, warm and larger-than-life character who always sought to turn mishaps into opportunities and taught his children to do exactly the same," she added.

Mr Wilkinson had a great love of animals and was a pigeon fancier at the age of nine and began a lifelong membership of Semilong Working Men's Club. "Dad was also a keen member of the Northampton Past Facebook Group where he could keep in touch with Northamptonian people and share a love and a great pride in the Northampton of the past, rekindling long held memories and affections of wonderful places in the town that no longer exist," she said.

Mr Wilkinson married the love of his life, Flo, in April 1955. They had four children



William 'Bill' Wilkinson

who gave them 10 grandchildren, as well as 10 great grandchildren.

"He adored them and they all were besotted and bewitched by him, always when they saw him a great shout off 'GPap' went up and they would run to him to be enfolded in his arms and be tickled by his whiskers," Belinda added.

Selling flowers and plants became a passion of Mr Wilkinson and he was loved within the community.

"People used to come in to see him and tell him all their ills and troubles and he would soothe them away with his



fitting farewell The funeral for William 'Bill' Wilkinson took place last week

own special brand of humour and would try always to get them to laugh their troubles away as he always did.

"Bill will be remembered by his family for the depth of

his love and warmth of personality which was all encompassing and supportive. He will be remembered by the local community as the business with a heart of gold and a fantastic

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# Final chance to buy at Desborough with Jelson Homes

The saying “all good things must come to an end” is the sad truth for Jelson Homes’ Carisbrooke Grange development in Desborough, where just seven homes now remain for sale.

The development, situated off Pipewell Road, has always been a popular choice for those wanting their own place to call home, and a staggering 50-per-cent increase in sales since the end of last year is testament to its success.

But what exactly is it that holds such appeal for buyers at Carisbrooke Grange? Jackie Woodward, sales manager for Jelson Homes comments:

“The development has always been a popular choice for purchasers because of the build quality of our homes, the overall layout of the development and the choice of properties available.”

## Home choices

The homes currently available include a Linnet three-bedroom detached property, and a fine

selection of four-bedroom detached homes, all of which are ideal for today’s modern family that wants to combine that all-important space with practicality.

The Linnet is a wonderful home for those wanting a three-bedroom property. Inside, there is a fully-fitted kitchen, wonderful dual-aspect lounge and a handy downstairs cloakroom. Upstairs has three bedrooms, with the master featuring a private en-suite bathroom.

If, however, a spacious four-bedroom property appeals, there are three separate homes to choose from, including the Salisbury, Rosefinch and Saunton house types. All of which boast kerb appeal, style and their own individuality.

The Salisbury and Saunton



A typical Jelson interior.

homes are for those who want all the benefits that four-bedroom homes have to offer, with the option of a downstairs study room, separate dining room and handy utility. The Rosefinch, however, is also an excellent choice for those wanting more space with an open-plan kitchen/dining room layout downstairs and dual-aspect lounge and then four-bedrooms upstairs plus a family bathroom.

## Help to Buy

Jackie adds: “We have had excellent levels of footfall at

Carisbrooke Grange since the start of the year and that shows no sign of slowing down. Confidence is up and there is an air of enthusiasm to buy amongst our visitors, which I believe has been further boosted by the government-backed Help to Buy† scheme.

“Help to Buy† is open to all house hunters at Carisbrooke Grange and works with just a five-per-cent deposit, which is funded by the purchaser. The government then provides a 20-per-cent equity loan, which is interest free for the first five years.

“The scheme has been helping first-time buyers and those looking to move further up the property ladder with greater financial ease, and as our homes at Carisbrooke Grange are well designed for all types of buyer – particularly families – it has and will continue to be a financial lifeline for many.”

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## Dowson thanks Saints fans

### 200-up Phil pays tribute to supporters for 'unbelievable' reception

#### RUGBY UNION

**Phil Dowson has hailed the 'unbelievable' Saints fans for the reception he received before his 200th Premiership appearance.**

The flanker was given a warm round of applause by the Franklin's Gardens faithful as he prepared to face the Gloucester kick-off on Saturday.

Though he didn't react at the time, the 32-year-old admits it was a special moment as his achievement was recognised.

And Dowson was delighted to be able to celebrate with five points as he skippered Saints to a 39-13 triumph against the Cherry and Whites.

"I was busy worrying about the kick-off (so didn't react to the applause), but the fans have been unbelievable," he said.

"I've had lots of messages on Twitter and lots from players I've played with throughout the years so it does mean a huge amount to have people think of you.

"I didn't think about it (the 200-game milestone) until I got to the 197, 198-mark and then I was thinking, 'I don't want a career-

ending injury before I get to that 200'.

"I got to that 199 at Newcastle, my old team, and Tom May reminded me he got his 200 playing for Northampton against Newcastle, so he's always topping me.

"I feel good and I'm still enjoying my rugby."

Dowson and Co didn't have it all their own way as they attempted to secure their 12th successive win in all competitions.

Gloucester were level at 13-13 15 minutes into the second half, but Saints pulled away with a dazzling late show to secure the spoils.

And Dowson said: "We knew we had to work hard. They've been in good form the past couple of weeks

so we knew we had to work hard.

"We were sloppy in the first half, made a few line breaks and didn't manage to capitalise, giving the ball away and an interception away, and then you're on the back foot a little bit.

"But we regrouped and we know these good sides take 70 minutes to wear down.

"We brought the young lads off the bench, they added the extra impetus and we got over the line."



**HAPPY MAN** - Phil Dowson made his 200th Premiership appearance in Saturday's win over Gloucester

## Wilder keen to keep players' feet on ground

**COBBLERS** boss Chris Wilder is in no mood to bask in the celebratory atmosphere he encountered at Sixfields on Saturday.

Town collected a seventh point of the week with a 0-0 draw against Bristol Rovers at the weekend, following on from back-to-back wins over Hartlepool and Southend.

Those results generated a fresh wave of optimism among the club's supporters, several of whom were

#### FOOTBALL

keen to let Wilder know how much they appreciate his work in the job so far.

But while the manager is pleased that the players are delivering for the club, he has not passed the messages of goodwill on to his squad, although he was pleased with their commitment in the draw with Rovers.

"I don't want to be harsh

or smash the players' confidence but we walked through the doors on Saturday and people are congratulating us," he said.

"I'm happy for everybody and I'm delighted that they're seeing their football team playing with a drive and purpose but there's been no congratulations from me.

"They put everything on the line yet again against Bristol Rovers and we have

a free midweek coming up so we'll be able to get some rest and recovery into some of them.

"That's three games unbeaten now and we can be pleased with that and pleased with a good week's work."

Cobblers boss Chris Wilder has been shortlisted for the Sky Bet League Two manager-of-the-month award.

Wilder took charge of

first-team affairs at Northampton on January 27 and his first game was the 1-1 draw at Cheltenham on February 1.

During the month, Town played seven games, winning three of them, drawing twice and losing twice.

When he took over the team was bottom of the division with 22 points from 26 games; they are now second bottom with 33 points from 33 games.

Also nominated for the award this month are David Flitcroft (Bury), John Sheridan (Plymouth) and Nigel Worthington (York City).

Bury were unbeaten, picking up 11 points from five games and Plymouth won three away games, including a 4-0 victory at Fleetwood.

York City were also without defeat in the month, collecting eight points and conceding just one goal.